

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 159 - HB 184

February 9, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (003470): Requires the Assistant Director and General Counsel of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance (Bureau) be employed on recommendations of the Executive Director, with approval of the Board of Directors of the Bureau. Requires uncollected civil penalties assessed by either the Registry of Election Finance (Registry) or the Tennessee Ethics Commission (Commission) be marked as *unable to be collected* upon determination that such penalties cannot reasonably be collected. An individual or political campaign committee receiving such determination is ineligible to qualify for election or subject to limitations until the civil penalty is paid. Authorizes the Registry and the Commission to require individuals and organizations to provide a valid email address if available, or a mailing address, in order to receive notices.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Bureau currently has individuals in both the Assistant Director and General Counsel roles. Therefore, the requirement to have the positions filled by individuals recommended by the Executive Director and approved by the Board does not have a significant fiscal impact.
- It is assumed that requiring individuals and political campaign committees to pay their civil penalties before being eligible to qualify for election or being subject to other limitations will not lead to a significant increase in the amount of fines collected.
- Valid email and mailing addresses can be collected using existing resources and personnel.
- Any fiscal impact on state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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